

COMMENTS
BACKGROUND TISSUE ADDENDUM TO THE QAPP
DATED AUGUST 14, 2012, ADDENDUM NUMBER 5

No.	<u>General Comment</u>
1	None of the sampling locations should be near a CSO or other point source. CDM, and Chuck Nace as possible, will provide oversight in the field to assure that this doesn't happen.
2	All species caught should be retained, and then a decision can be made on which ones to analyze. The current proposal limits the collection to four different fish species. Consistent with this comment, the use of seines should be added to the QAPP so that forage fish can be collected
3	Errors were made during the previous toxicity testing efforts that should not be repeated. EPA's comments on the January 31, 2012 Toxicity Testing Report are also being submitted at this time, and should be reviewed prior to conduct of this effort.

No.	QAPP Worksheet/Page	Specific Comments
1	Page 1	Remove the word "urban" from the title of Appendix B to the RARC, as per EPA comments on that document.
2	Worksheet 10, Page 12, the problem to be addressed by the project	Please delete the first 2 sentences of the 2 nd paragraph of this section, and instead state, at the end of the paragraph, that the approach that will be used to establish an estuarine background data set is still being developed.
3	Worksheet 10, Page 14, Information concerning various environmental indicators	EPA has not yet submitted comments on Appendix B of the RARC, and determinations such as that made in this section have not yet been made. Instead, please state that the need for additional tissue collection efforts to obtain background and/or reference data may still be required.
4	Worksheet 10, Page 13, The possible classes of contaminants and the affected matrices	Please provide the rationale (here and/or in the appropriate section) for why VOCs and herbicides are not included in this collection effort, as was done in the original QAPP related to tissue collection.
5	Worksheet 10, Page 15, Project Decision Condition	There are many decisions that will be required for the project objectives to be accomplished in addition to potential weather delays. These should be summarized here or reference made to the appropriate document/ plan where this information is found.
6	Worksheet 11	Please see General Comment 2.

7	Worksheet 11, Page 17, How “good” do the data need to be in order to support the environmental decision?	Please remove the bulleted list from this section, and instead state that the factors to establish an appropriate dataset for background freshwater tissue are still being developed.
4	Worksheet 14, Page 24, Documentation and Records	Change “an” to “a” in the second sentence.
5	Worksheet 16, Page 26	Please update the dates provided in the schedule. Include when the field reconnaissance will occur. EPA will want to provide oversight of the site reconnaissance as well as fish tissue collection sampling events.